

WEEK 4

GOD IS ONE

GOD IS SPIRIT

PRIMARY LESSON GUIDE



THE FOUR KEYS

KEY VERSE

God is spirit, and those that worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. John 4:24

KEY IDEAS

1. The Holy Spirit is God.
2. The Holy Spirit is our Helper.
3. The Holy Spirit lives within God's children.

KEY PASSAGE

Galatians 5:22-26 (fruits of the Spirit)

KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .

the Holy Spirit is God.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .

encouraged that the Holy Spirit can help us live for God.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .

understand the fruits of the Spirit are evidence of a changed heart follows Jesus.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .

to practice the fruits of the Spirit to honor God.

INTRODUCTION

God alone is the Creator of the universe. He has always existed and always will exist, before all time and creation. He is the first and the last, Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End. God knows everything, sees everything, and has power over everything. Apart from him, there is no other god. Our God is one, but He has three forms. He is God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit. Each one of God's forms has a different job and is distinct, but He is still one God, perfectly unified, and His ways and thoughts are higher than ours.

OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Begin class by bringing in a bottle of clear, flavored water. Give each child a cup and a little bit of the water, letting them try it. Explain that even though we can't see the flavor of the water, we can know it's in there because we taste it. In the same way, we can't see the Holy Spirit, but we can know He is there by the way we see and feel Him working in our lives.

STORY

Read Galatians 5:22-26.

The Holy Spirit of God is present in the life of every person who has placed their faith in Jesus by asking for forgiveness of their sins. The Holy Spirit is fully God, active, alive, and working today in God's people. The Holy Spirit lives inside of every believer, leading them and helping them grow closer to God and live for Him. God does not leave us alone to face the hard things in life, but He gives us His Spirit to help us and show us the way to live. The fruits of the Spirit are the proof that our hearts have been changed by God and that He is working in us to make us more like Jesus! These fruits are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. All of these things honor God and show the world His love and He desires for us to use them for good to love others so they might come to believe in Him and be saved, too!

ACTIVITY

Spend time discussing the fruits of the Spirit, what they are and what they mean. Remove all fruits from the tree on the wall. One at a time, hold them up, asking the children to explain their meaning and letting them take turns placing them back on the tree.

PRAYER

Thank God that He sends us His helper, the Holy Spirit to show us the right way to live for Him. Ask God to help you practice the fruits and honor Him.

SONG

Trinity Song by U-Nite

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

John 14:16, Acts 2

ACTIVITY

Using the yarn and the cut outs in your take home packet, help your child color, cut, and string together the fruits of the Spirit onto the yarn to form a necklace. Talk to them about the fruits of the Spirit and encourage them to practice them.

DISCUSSION

- Who is the Holy Spirit?
The Holy Spirit is the invisible spirit of God who helps us live for Him. He is like the wind that you cannot see but you can feel and see how it blows through the trees. You cannot see the Holy Spirit, but you can feel Him and know He's there.
- How does the Holy Spirit help us?
Discuss each of the fruits, their purpose, and how we can use them to glorify God and love others.

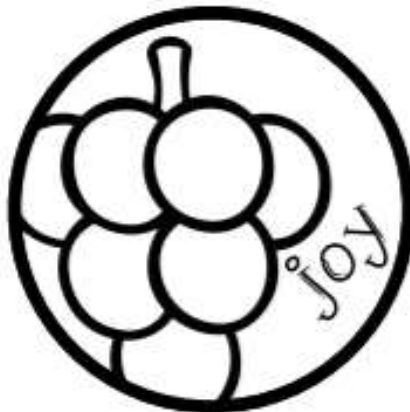
PRAYER

Thank God that He gives every believer His Spirit to help us live for Him and show others His love. Ask God to help you understand what the fruits mean and how you can use them to honor Him.

The Fruit of the Spirit



I can color the Fruits of the Spirit, cut (with a 2" puncher), hole punch and attach to yarn to make a necklace.



The FRUIT of the Spirit

Lesson 9

MIDDLE ELEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

Draw lines to match each fruit of the Spirit with its meaning.

1. Love

a. To have the strong feeling of well-being that comes from being right with God

2. Joy

b. To help and show love for others

3. Peace

c. To be reliable and keep your promises

4. Forbearance

d. To have a deep, happy feeling that comes from being right with God and others

5. Kindness

e. To be thoughtful and considerate; not harsh

6. Goodness

f. To like something or someone so much that it causes you to do good

7. Faithfulness

g. To have power over one's own actions

8. Gentleness

h. To be patient; to wait calmly without complaining

9. Self-control

i. To be honest and useful